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Applicant: Lene TEUBER et al. Conf.: 4595
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For: POTASSIUM CHANNEL BLOCKING AGENTS

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

December 11, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated November 15, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application.

This restriction requirement is traversed on multiple grounds: the statutory standard has not been met; applicant has a right to define his invention; there is no serious search burden; applicant has paid for an examination of all claims; and in any case, discretion should be exercised and restriction not required.